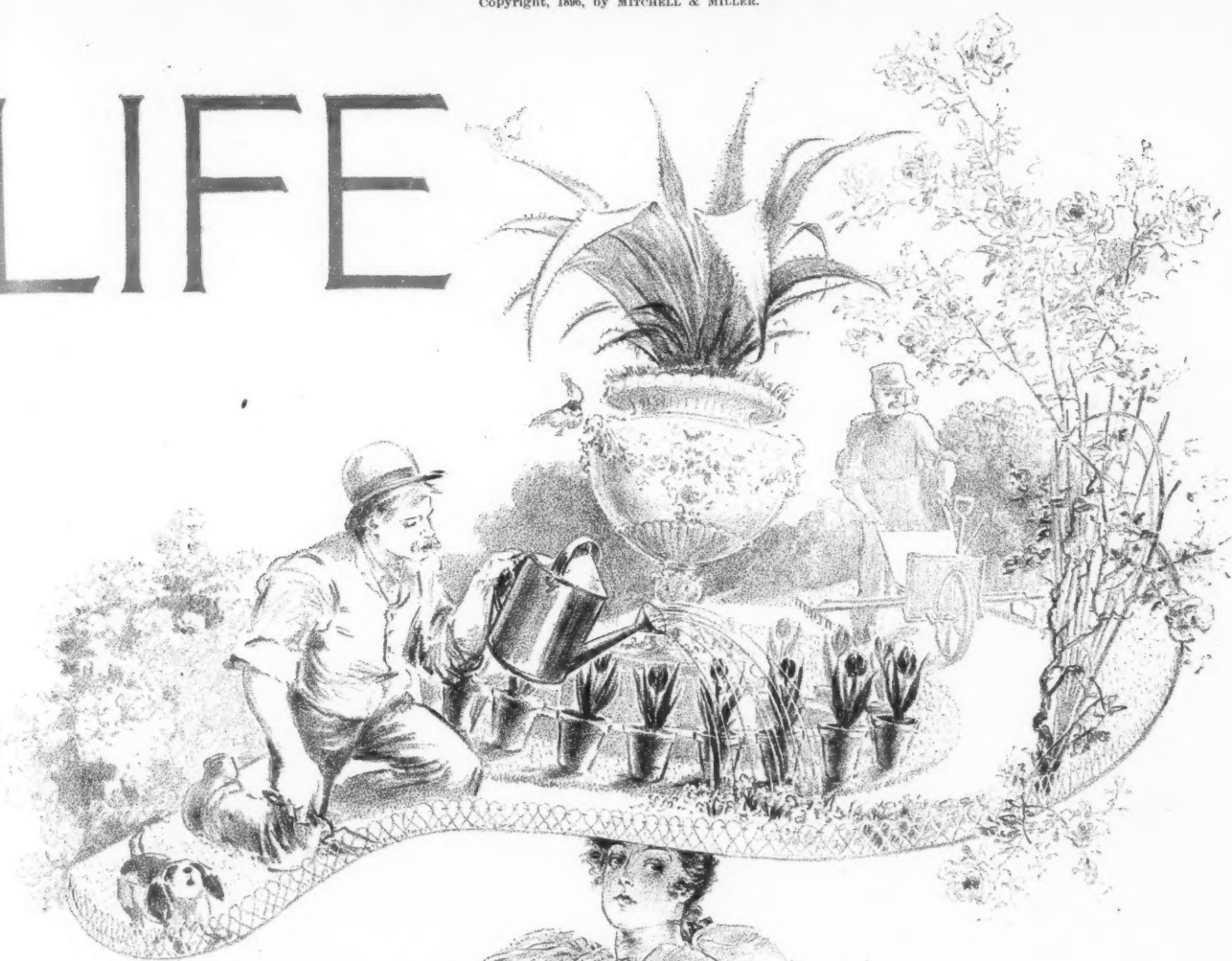


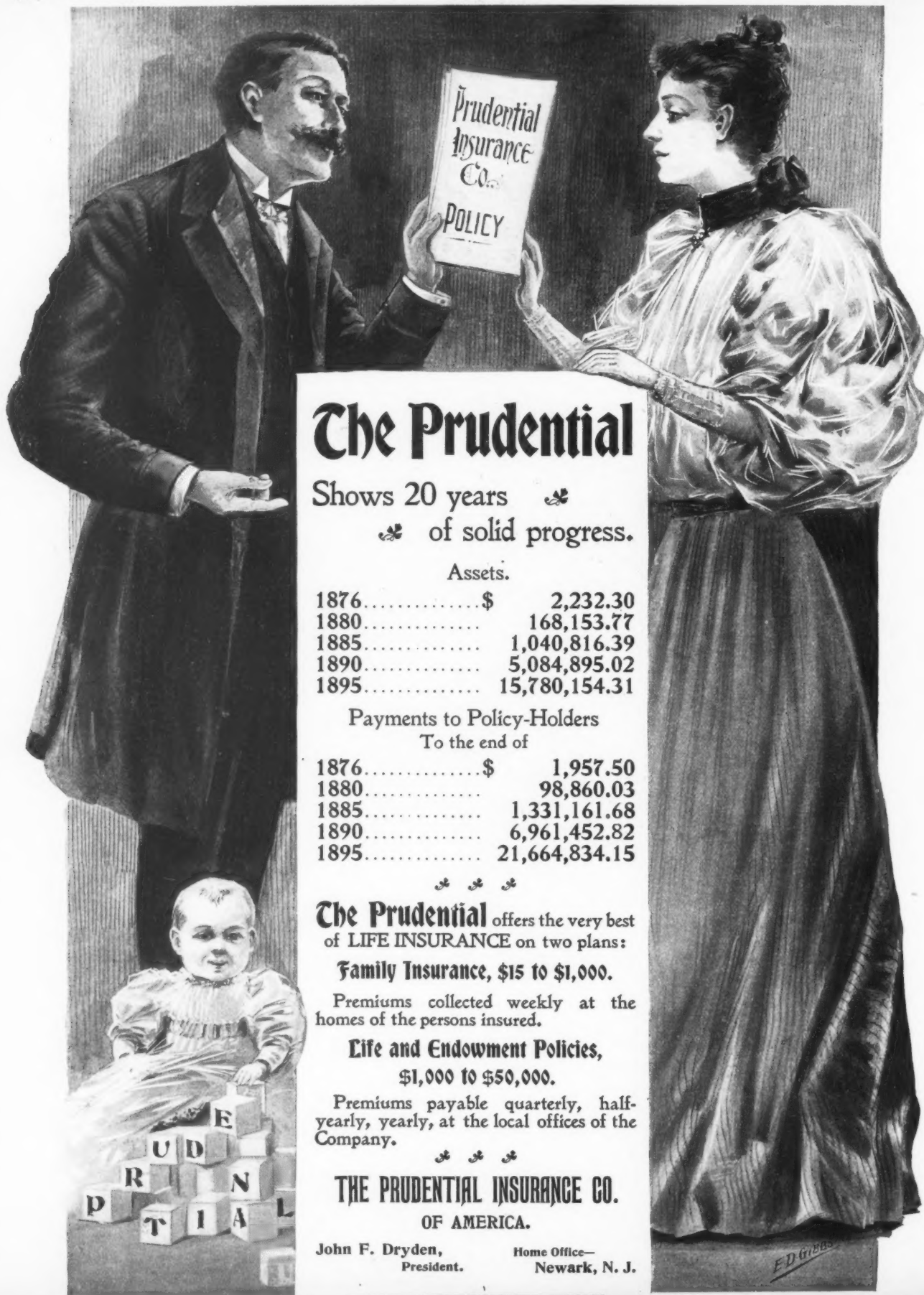
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 "YES, HIS FATHER CALLED AT MY OFFICE TO-DAY ABOUT IT."
 "I HOPE YOU CAME OUT AS WELL AS I DID."

A MEGACEPHALIC CONTEMPORARY.

"WHILE THERE IS LIFE THERE'S HOPE."

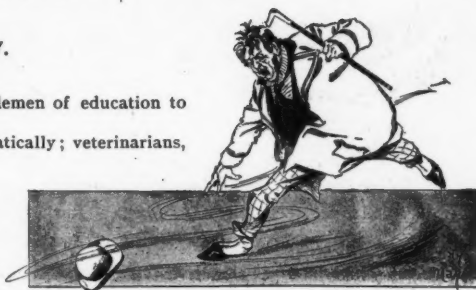
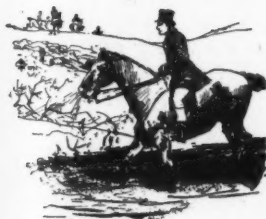
"THERE seems to be a tendency among certain young gentlemen of education to become veterinarians."—LIFE.

Our vivacious contemporary seems to have gone astray grammatically; veterinarians, if you please.—*Rider and Driver.*

Not at all.

If our esteemed contemporary doesn't know the English language as applied to horses, what does it know?

See the *Century Dictionary*, page 6,743, first column, third line from top of page.



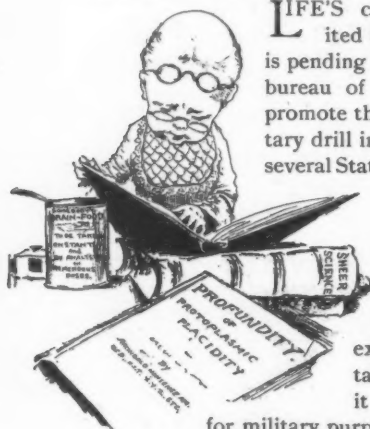
THE DERBY RACE.



"While there is Life there's Hope."

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LIFE'S co-operation has been solicited in opposition to a bill which is pending in Congress "to establish a bureau of military education and to promote the adoption of uniform military drill in the public schools of the several States and Territories." In LIFE'S

opinion the introduction of military drill as part of the public-school system in this country is unnecessary and inexpedient. Military drill is not the best of exercises for boys: the military training that results from it is of very doubtful value

for military purposes, and the public schools have abundance of instruction on their hands already. Don't put up any more jobs on the public schools. Give them a chance to teach the elements.

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IT actually begins to look as if Major McKinley might be the Republican nominee for President. The Major believes in a tariff for protection, with incidental revenue. So far as his attitude on the money question can be inferred from the financial "plank" adopted by his Republican brethren in Ohio this year, he believes in a silver dollar that will at all times be worth just as much as a gold dollar. The only known way to contrive such a silver

dollar is by international agreement, and there is no present prospect that that can be brought about; therefore Major McKinley believes in an impossible silver dollar. A man who believes in an impossible dollar ought to be an impossible candidate this year for either the Democratic or Republican party, but McKinley finds great favor with the Republicans just now, and the

prophet who predicts that he won't be nominated can get odds from his supporters. Major McKinley does not inspire confidence in the men who believe in good money. If the St. Louis convention should nominate him, the action of the Democrats at Chicago will be awaited with the liveliest interest by anxious citizens of both parties.

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OUR fellow townsman, Col. Jacob Astor, owns the Schermerhorn building, which runs from Pine Street to Broadway in this town, around two sides of the very tall, new office building of the American Surety Company. The

Surety Company's building is twenty-one stories high, and as it has windows on all four sides, the upper apertures on two sides necessarily overlook Col. Astor's building. Now that it is finished, Col. Astor proposes to build his property up around it, shutting up half its windows and shearing off half its elaborate cornice. This seems somewhat harsh of Col. Astor, and report says that his first intention was to rent his building to his neighbors, but that an arrangement to that end which was afoot was abandoned by the Surety Company because of its belief that the Legislature could be induced to pass a law prohibiting the erection of any more very high buildings in New York. A bill to this effect appeared at Albany, and the Surety Company, it seems, backed it ardently, in the expectation that it would get its easements for nothing, instead of having to buy them of Col. Astor.

Now, of course, it was indecent for any Company which had just put up a twenty-one story building to ask the Legislature to make such buildings unlawful in future. The Surety Company, if it did that, behaved like a pig. It seems to have made Col. Astor very angry, and no wonder, and now it seems the Colonel intends to give it an object lesson on the inexpediency of too much greed.

Col. Astor is already within his rights in building as he has planned. No doubt he feels that if he is to build he must build promptly, before a law can be passed to hinder him. Still, if the Surety Company wants even now to buy him off, LIFE would be glad on his own account to see him listen to it, for not only does his purpose offend thrift, but iron and granite last a long time and a resentment—even a just one—that finds an expression twenty-one stories high in those enduring materials is pretty certain to outlive its owner's wrath and stand finally as an aspersion on his temper.

THE DIFFERENCE.

TO kiss a Miss is not amiss,
It means an almost certain
bliss;
No other way is sure but this:
To miss a kiss is *quite* amiss.

QUEER.

A CURIOUS thing about some large stock companies is that when they commit a crime no one is ever responsible. The man who did it was under orders, the man who is immediately over him refers to another man, who is out of town, etc., etc. Thus it is almost impossible to get on to the curves of the Metropolitan Traction Company and Society for Nervous Prostration. When one of its Chambers of Horror is the scene of another tragedy the poor wretches in charge testify that they are obliged to make the round trip in a certain time or otherwise get "dished." The occult reason for this rule is not any more apparent the higher up we go. All we know is that Vreeland is President and reigns over all.

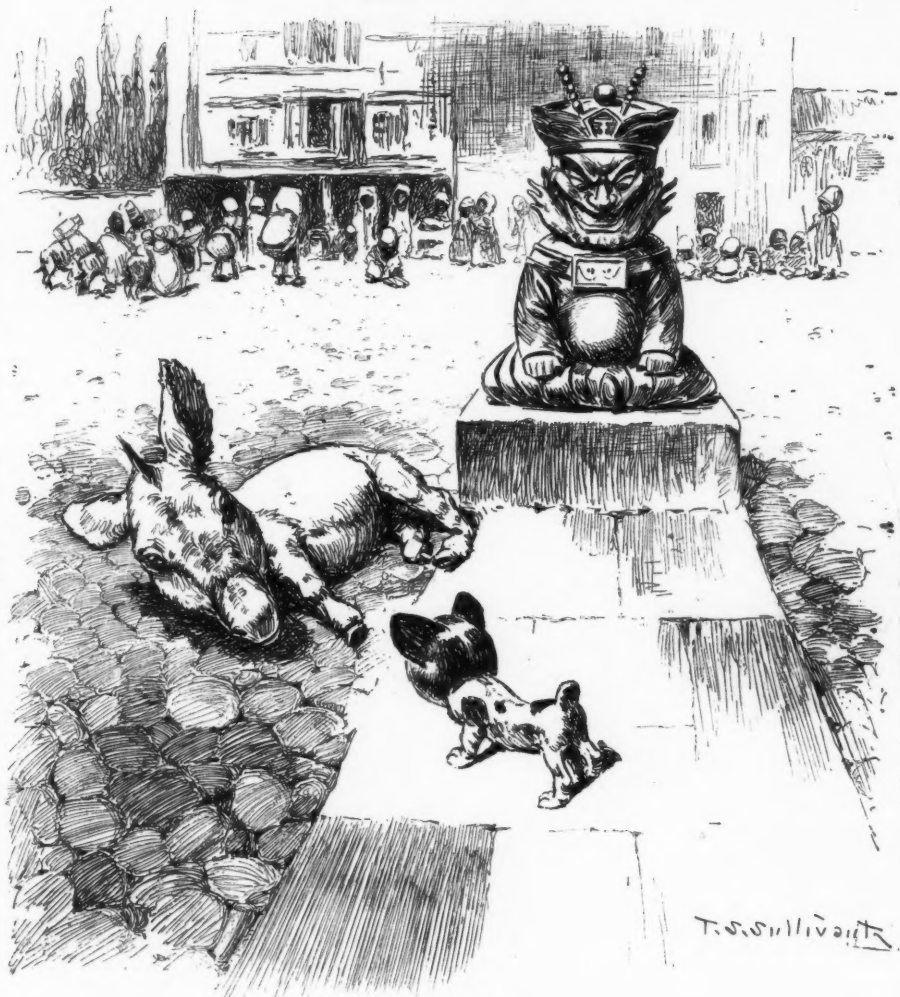
GOOD CREDENTIALS.

EMPLOYER: We want a sound, able-bodied man.

APPLICANT: Well, sir, I've drawn a pension for the past twenty years.

IT is not easy to lose a bad reputation.

FABLES FOR THE TIMES.



THE IDOL AND THE ASS.

AN ass felt it his duty to destroy superstition, so he went up to the brass idol in the market place and gave it a vigorous kick.

A dog came to him as he lay groaning on the ground, nursing his broken leg, and said: "Well, did you prove anything?"

"Nothing," said the other. "Except that I am an ass."

Deductions to be drawn: Any old thing.

H. W. Phillips.

SURE OF ONE FACT.

COUNT GOLBRICK: Didn't I meet you at the Casino in Monte Carlo last winter?

NUFSED: Couldn't say; somebody did.

"I WISH I knew how to act when I meet a baby. I always feel like a fool."

"All you have to do is to act the way you feel."



"DROPPED ONTO A GOOD THING."



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HIGH BILL (McK-N-L-Y).



THIS gentleman was born under the sign of the Tin Dipper, Mercury at midsummer heat, the infant industries on Mars praying for relief, and the rest of the planets rapidly rising for the great occasion. He has not yet reached his full growth, which will happen in a few weeks, when he will rapidly lose flesh. He has a galvanized complexion, woolen wind protectors, a European outlook, with Ellerslie farm in the background, the White House plainly visible two points on the port bow, the main boom sprung, a London fog rising, and breakers ahead. He looks well in the quiet of his own home, clad in a Roman toga made in Germany, and chained to the wall. He should keep away from politicians, and spend an hour a day alone with himself. He has a hopeful temperament, which looks forward, not backward, lend a hand, and is rapidly making friends, being loved at present not so well but wisely. Evil times coming. He should avoid all excitement for the next six months, wear a gag, write his letters with *aqua fortis*, and take laughing-gas every morning on rising. He will not succeed in control, and might work great harm to multitudes for the benefit of a few. Will do his best work as a farmer, a vice-president, where he could cultivate a taste for solitude, or would do well as a custom-house inspector.

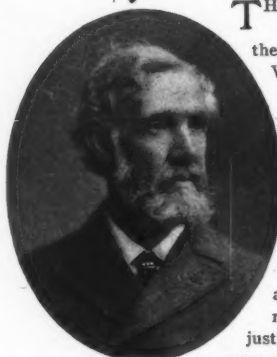
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RICHARD HARDING (D-V-S).



THIS young man was born under the sign of Himself, the sun, moon and stars shrinking from their orbits, the Milky Way curdled with the intense excitement of the great occasion, a subdued solar system, and the Little Bear with his tail between his legs. He is manufactured from crude, raw and imported foreign materials, is twenty-one stories high, with a Franklin Square back and an imitation brown-stone front, and should never travel without a fire-escape. He has a trusting, confiding nature, believing what he sees, and is possessed of a rare quality of Philadelphia tact which prevents others from speaking of themselves in his presence, and he is very happy, spending many hours alone. If persistent, may learn to read and write in time, but doubtful. Should wear danger signals, and will do good work in a kindergarten, or might succeed in a coal mine.

JOHN W. (G-F).



THIS gentleman was born under the sign of the Stuffed Crab, in opposition to the Sun, the Pelican flying high, the Milky Way skimmed, Venus in tandem with Scorpio, and the rest of the stars out for the dust. He is short and thick-set, with oakum eyebrows, a cork brain, a brass face and a pneumatic cheek. He looks well with hair closely cut, and should wear stripes and walk with a lock step. In his chosen field he is inimitable—no one caring even to emulate him, and his work among the weak and oppressed has rarely been equalled, his sense of injustice making him a great favorite with women. He has a Parkhurstian modesty, and is noted for his tact and sense of the fitness of things, and this has limited his curiosity in the past only to those things which it was desirable not to know. He is steadfast and persistent, drawing his salary with great regularity, and believes in sticking to one thing in spite of every opposition, but cares little for money itself, preferring it only for what it can buy. Should avoid court rooms, and will find his most congenial companions in the penitentiary. Would make a good jockey, a bunco-steerer, or a Sultan of Turkey, but will do his most effective work in a glass case in the Museum of Natural History.



"DO YOU SMOKE CIGARETTES, MISS BLAIZER?"
"NO. I SMOKE A PIPE."

TANDEM TALKS.

SCENE: A hill on the shore road, Staten Island, overlooking the sea.

"LET us rest awhile in the shadow of this great tree!" said Diana, as she slid from the saddle to a sloping bank of green.

"What a view for a poet!" said Adrian, waving his hand toward the sea.

"What a view for *me*!" replied the complacent Diana. "That is the way to look at the world—here I am, and it's all for me."

"You are an atrocious egotist," said Adrian. "I suppose that for all practical purposes I am simply a part of the landscape, and therefore belong to you?"

"Well, why not? Are you more pleasing to the eye than yonder ocean? So long as I do not tell you to blot yourself out of the landscape you should be content," said Diana, with her accustomed assurance.

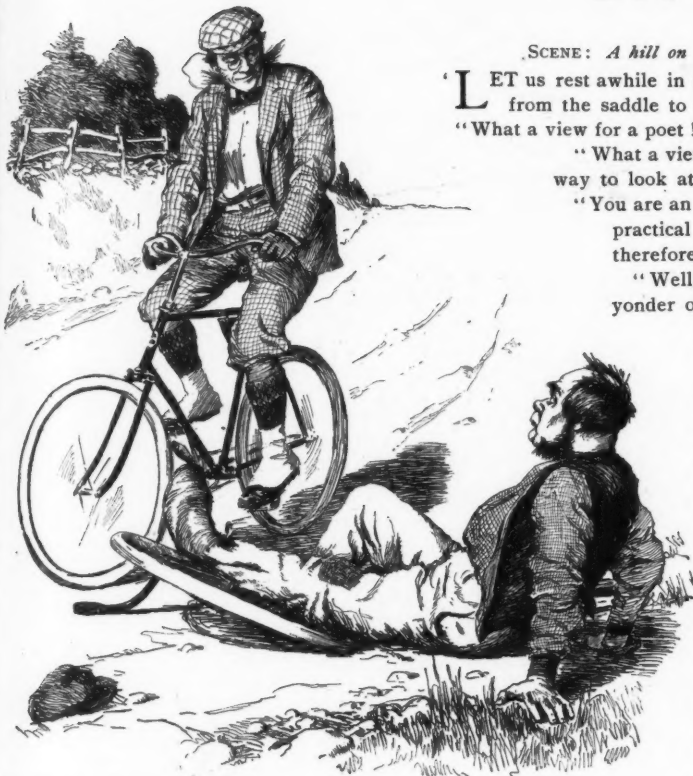
"That is why you women make so many men unhappy," reflected Adrian. "Your only gauge of a man is his adaptation to your personal whims. Do you ever take an impersonal view of any man? Do you ever say of him—he has accomplished a great deal of work in spite of obstacles; his victories have left as many scars as his misfortunes; he is not my kind of man, but I have a great admiration for him?"

"I'm afraid not," laughed Diana, with her usual frankness. "For us a man is either nice or horrid. If he grates on our taste we see nothing good in his works. If he pleases us, then all that he does is excellent."

"We have to be different," reflected Adrian. "It costs too much to judge men by our feelings. A man who grates on your nerves as a companion may be worth thousands of dollars to you as a business associate. It's all a question of means and ends among men—I'm not speaking of dishonest men, but of successful and honorable men of affairs."

"What a horrid, low view of life you take!" exclaimed Diana. "All men are but pawns on your chess-board—to be used if they gain a point for you, to be sacrificed when they cease to be useful."

"I did not say that," said Adrian. "I remarked that intelligent men try to judge other men for their *efficiency*



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"WELL, PAT, HAVE YOU LEARNED TO RIDE YOUR BICYCLE YET?"

"SORRA A BIT, SOR. SURE, OI CAN'T AVEN BALANCE MESILF STANDIN' STILL, LET ALONE ROIDIN'."

CHORUS girls are, of course, frequently near stars, but that does not always make them angels.



LITTLE JOHNNIE SPIES A MUSKET HANGING HIGH UPON THE WALL.



"WONDER IF THE OLD THING'S LOADED? I DON'T THINK IT IS, AT ALL."



SOON HE HAS IT DOWN AND BY OLD PROCESS, TOE ON COCK, NOW HE—



in doing things, independent of their personal likes or dislikes. That is the best kind of altruism. Sink your own idiosyncrasies and judge a man by what he accomplishes. When that rule becomes universal the industrial millennium will be at hand. It means the putting of the right man in the right place."

"I'm glad women don't come under that rule," said Diana.

"That is why you get into so much trouble when you undertake business. You always want your personality and

character to count for something—even when you are not right or skilful," said Adrian.

"Why not?" asked Diana. "A beautiful face or a charming voice is part of a woman's equipment. It ought to count in her battle with the world."

"A pretty face does not saw any wood," said Adrian.

"But it counts for something finer," said Diana, "just as the blossoms on the dog-wood tree over yonder count for something in your life though you may never see that tree again."

"You always get back to an emotion as the measure of life. The dog-wood blossom and the pretty face are pleasures to the eye. But that is no reason why one should buy the dog-wood tree for a mast-stick, or choose the owner of the pretty face for a wife."

"You can be sure that I did not choose you for your face," laughed Diana as she put her foot on the pedal and turned her back to him. And the argument ended in a whirl of dust that was followed by a warm breeze laden with the perfume of apple blossoms. *Droch.*

WONDERFUL.

"IS Spinner an expert bicycle rider?"

"I should say so. He ran over four men last week, and the police didn't catch him once."



YACHTING TERM.
THE SCENTER BORED.

NO LOSS.

"I KEY, Ikey, de papy's drunk de pottle of ink!"

"Vell, Rachael, it vas nuddings put a samble pottle."

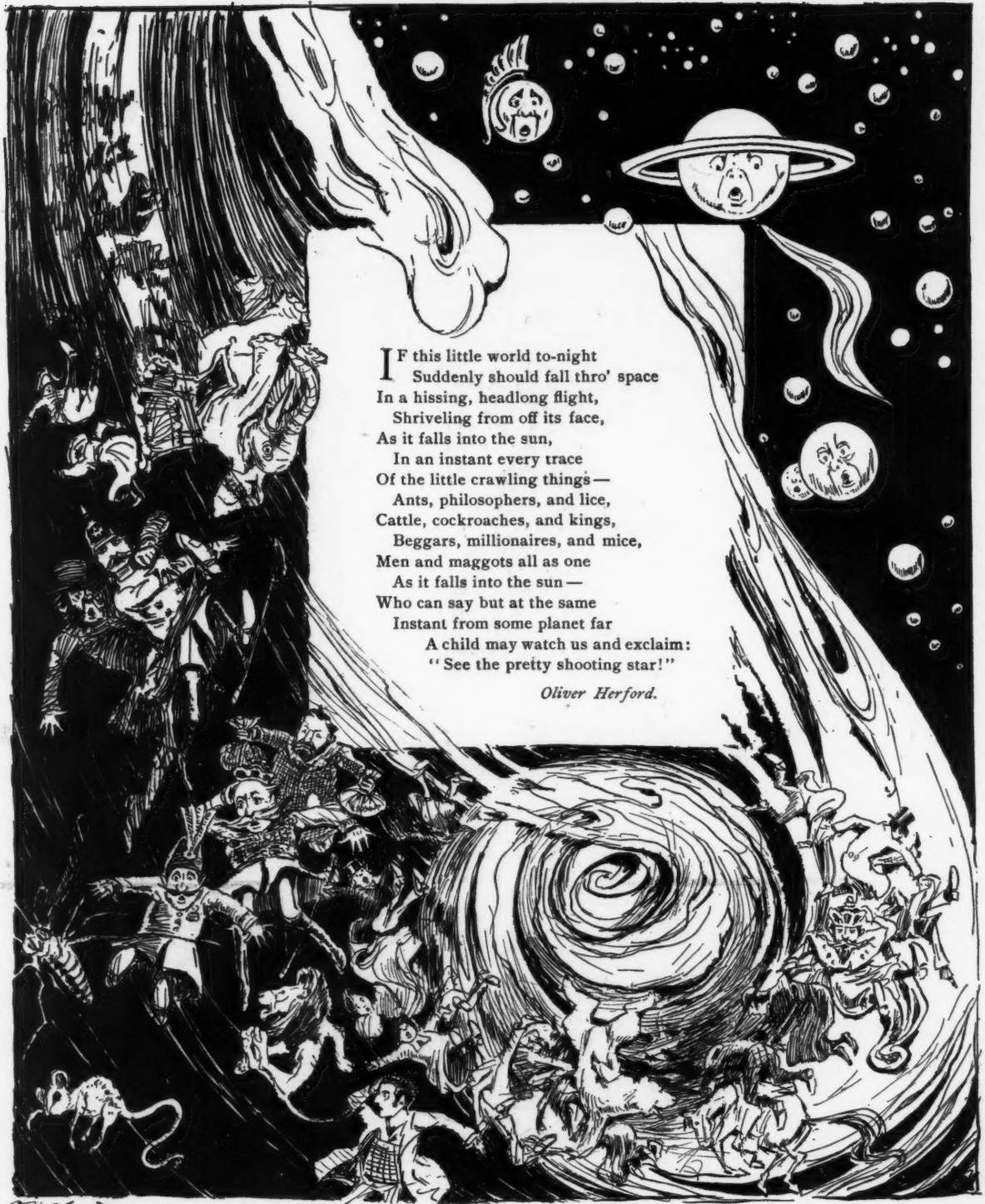
LOGICAL.

HE: And so you wish to break off our engagement, long as it is?

SHE: The longer a thing is, the easier it is to break off.



DEMONSTRATES THAT IT IS EMPTY AND HAS FOOLED YOU, DON'T YOU SEE?



IF this little world to-night
 Suddenly should fall thro' space
 In a hissing, headlong flight,
 Shriveling from off its face,
 As it falls into the sun,
 In an instant every trace
 Of the little crawling things—
 Ants, philosophers, and lice,
 Cattle, cockroaches, and kings,
 Beggars, millionaires, and mice,
 Men and maggots all as one
 As it falls into the sun—
 Who can say but at the same
 Instant from some planet far
 A child may watch us and exclaim:
 "See the pretty shooting star!"

Oliver Herford.

O. Herford

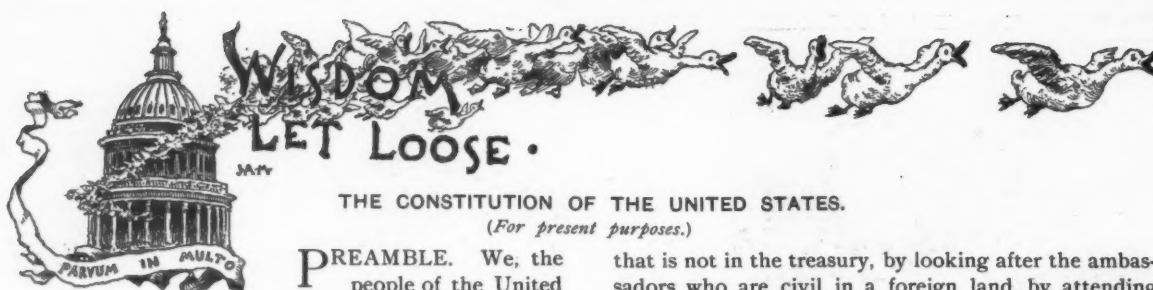


HER NIGHTMARE.
HOW SHE SAW HERSELF

LIFE •



NIGHTMARE.
HE SAW HERSELF.



THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

(For present purposes.)

PREAMBLE. We, the people of the United States, having long since outgrown any delusions we may have entertained on the subject of justice, domestic tranquility, general welfare, the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution:

ARTICLE I.

THE CONGRESS.—Section 1. The House of Representatives shall be composed of blatherskites whose lungs have been duly tested. The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker with sole reference to his presidential boom and no member shall be permitted to make a speech unless he knows all about foreign countries and their affairs and nothing of his own.

Section 2. The Senate shall be composed of men worth not less than \$10,000,000 each, unless it be proven to the satisfaction of the country that a member is a boss, in which case the office shall be deemed hereditary. Senators shall be chosen by the Legislatures of their respective States in the following manner: Each State Legislature shall divide itself into two nearly equal parts or divisions. Each division shall be armed to the teeth and at the word of command proceed to bombard the other. The side having most survivors by the time the militia interferes shall name the Senator, who, in turn, must fight his way through when he reaches the national capital.

Section 3. Neither House shall adjourn until the business interests of the country are utterly ruined.

Section 4. The Congress shall have power:

1. To turn the country upside down.
2. To make the financial system of the nation a laughing-stock.
3. To make every business man wish he had never been born.
4. To drive the President of the United States crazy.
5. To fight all the nations of the earth single-handed.
6. To enjoy itself in a general way by appropriating money

that is not in the treasury, by looking after the ambassadors who are civil in a foreign land, by attending each other's funerals and by raising pandemonium on the slightest provocation.

ARTICLE II.

THE EXECUTIVE.—Section 1. The President shall be chosen as follows: A howling mob shall assemble in one large city from all parts of the country and yell until the bosses have had enough and settle the matter among themselves. But no man shall be thus chosen who holds any intelligible or known opinion on any subject.

ARTICLE III.

THE JUDICIARY.—Section 1. The Supreme Court shall exist for the benefit of the few and far between, and shall in no case render a decision until twenty years after a suit has begun before it.

Section 2. Anybody who is not pleased with this management shall be guilty of contempt of court.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL.—Section 1. The people of the United States shall be objects of the scorn and contempt of their chosen rulers.

Section 2. It shall be a misdemeanor for the people to care anything about the government of the United States. They shall neglect it on all occasions, and the intelligent and instructed classes must remain at all times in complete ignorance of public affairs.

Section 3. Treason shall consist in an attempt to definitely settle the financial question or to reform the government.

Alexander Harvey.

FINANCE.

DOLLY: They say he had to settle a quarter of a million on his eldest daughter because of a mole on her forehead.

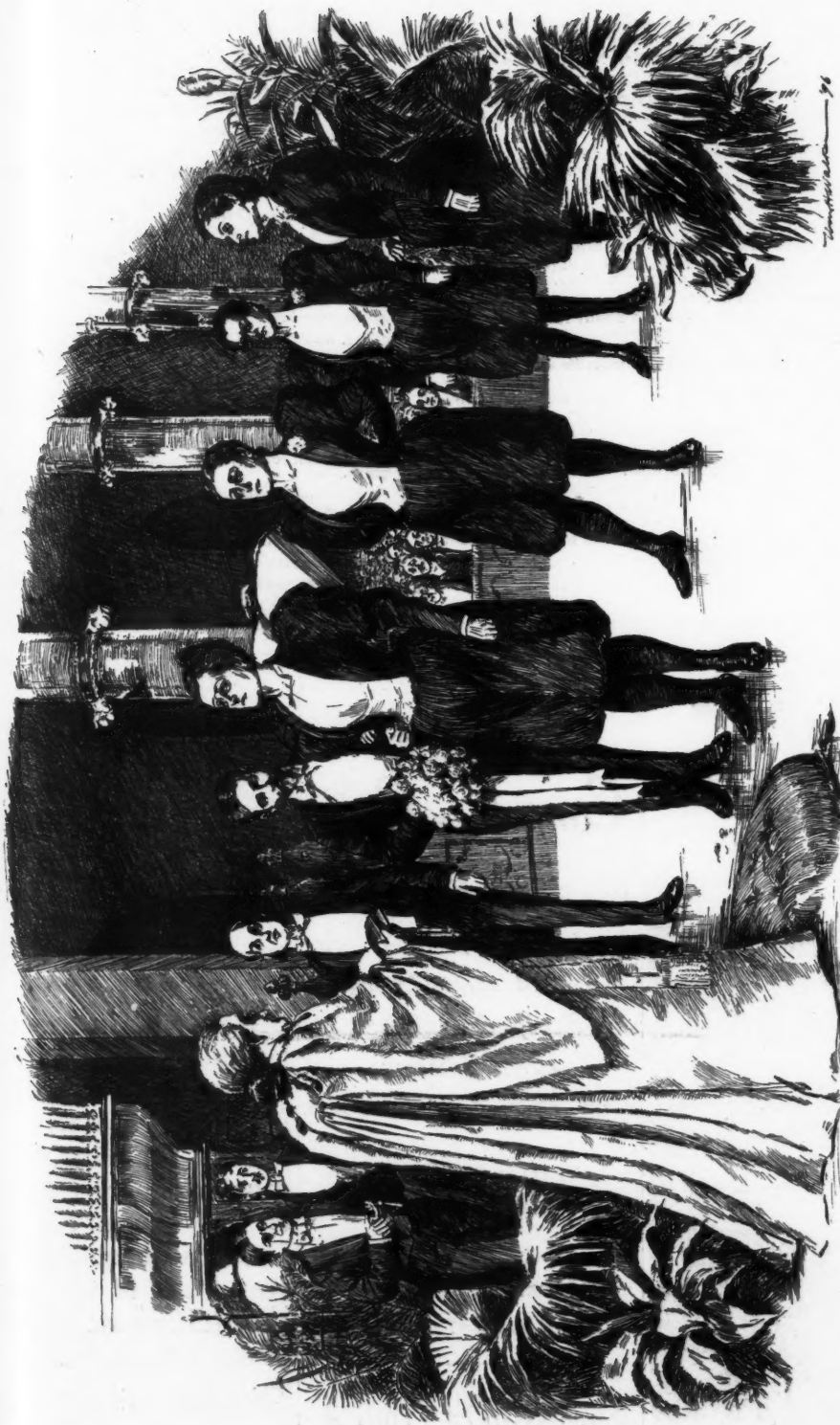
JACK: That was a case of spot cash.

"DOES your wife worry about you when you travel?"

"Not at all. She knows I always buy accident insurance."



ON A PAR.



THE BLOOMER GIRL'S WEDDING.

NONPAREIL.

ALAS! I cannot read her face
To tell if she'll be mine,
Because her type of beauty is
So very, very fine.

A NEEDLESS NUISANCE.

DID Colonel Waring ever
happen to be out-of-doors
in this city between nine and
eleven o'clock in the morning?

If so, he may have noticed at
that hour that the ash carts are
thickest in the fashionable quar-
ters, and that it requires an agile
citizen to dodge the clouds of dust.
And if he has noticed this, did
he ever get so far as to inquire,
"Why, of all hours in the day,
should this time be selected for
such a work?"

It may be that Colonel Waring
always wears a gray suit and
doesn't mind a shower of ashes.
Perhaps he likes it. There is
certainly a mystery somewhere,
as we refuse to believe this
gentleman so unintelligent that
he has failed to realize the stu-
pidity of this custom. No other
civilized city in the world would
put up with such an easily abated
nuisance, and if this gentleman's
intellect has already grappled
with the subject and met with
defeat, we earnestly entreat him
to make another attack.

CERTAIN "scientists" tell
us that as vivisection is
a technical affair the general
public should not interfere.
This is ingenious, but it would
hardly have satisfied Protestants
during the Inquisition if
they had been informed that
the details of the torture cham-
ber were of a technical nature
and should be left to the judg-
ment of professional experts.

And the great humane ma-
jority of the nineteenth century
are not being fooled by similar
phrases.

HUSBAND: Do you know,
my dear, I never get
tired of looking at that photo-
graph of you.

WIFE: Why don't you have
it framed and hung up in the
club?



SOME FUNNY MESSAGES ARE RECEIVED BY TEACHERS IN BROOKLYN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. HERE ARE A FEW SAMPLES:

The fact that the "Slab City" parents object to clay modeling in the schools is illustrated in the following note sent to a teacher in one of the Tenth ward schools:

MISS —: John kem home yesterday wid his clothes covered wid mud. He said you put him to work mixing clay when he ought to be learning to read an' write. Me man carries th' hod, an' God knows I hev enuf trouble wid his clothes in th' wash widout scraping John's coat. If he comes home like this agin I'll send him back ter yez to wash his clothes. MRS. O'R —.

Here is one from a Brownsville mother who objects to physical culture:

MISS BROWN: You must stop teach my Lizzie fisical torture she needs yet readin' an' figurs mit sums more as that, if I want her to do jumpin' I kin make her jump. MRS. CANAVOWSKY.

The number of parents who object to the temperance plank in the educational platform is greater than the number of objectors to any other class of study in Williamsburg. Here is a copy of a note sent to a teacher in the Stag street school:

MISS —: My boy tells me that when I trink beer der overcoat vrom my stummack gets to thick. Please be so kind and don't intervene in my family affairs. MR. CHRIS —.

Here is a sample on the same subject sent to a teacher in the Maujer street school:

DEAR TEACHER: You should mine your own business an' not tell Jake he should not trink beer. so long he lif he trinks the beer an' he trinks it yen wen bill rains is ded, if you interfer some more I go on the bored of education. W. S.

In this school the teachers are often compelled to listen to long arguments on the excise question, and the parents who call around to argue become greatly excited when told that the children are taught not to taste alcoholic liquors. One little boy told his teacher that his mother had given him orders to get up and leave the classroom during the hour for discussing the alcohol question. The teacher told the boy to ask his mother to call around at the schoolhouse. She did not come, but wrote this note:

TEACHER: John says you want to see me. I have a bier saloon and nine children. Bizness is good in mornin' an' aft'noon. How can I come?

The Pickleville parents as a rule never omit the "obliging" end of a note, as will be seen in the following, sent to a teacher of the Wall street school:

DEAR TEACHER: Pleas excus Fritz for staying home he had der meessels to oblige his father. J. B.

And here is another of the obliging kind:

TEACHER: Please excuse Henny for not coming in school as he died from the car run-over on Tuesday. By doing so you will greatly oblige his loving mother.

Here is one sent to the Brownsville school:

DEAR MISS BAKER: Please excuse Rachael for being away those two days her grandmother died to oblige her mother. MRS. RENSKI.

The child mentioned in the following note was neither German nor Irish. But he is back in school after a battle with the doctors:

MISS —: Frank could not come these three weeks because he had the amonia and information of the vowels. MRS. SMITH.

The notes sent are sometimes written on scented



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paper, and as a rule these are misspelled. Here is a scented paper sample:

TEACHER: You must excuse my girl for not coming to school, she was sick and lade in a common dose state for tree days. MRS. W.

In this same school a teacher received the following:

MISS —: Please let Willie home at 2 o'clock. I take him out for a little pleasure to see his grandfather's grave. MRS. R.

Still another mother wrote the following:

MISS —: Please be so kind an' knock hell out of Sol when he gives too much lip to oblige his mother. New York Sun.

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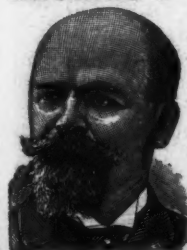
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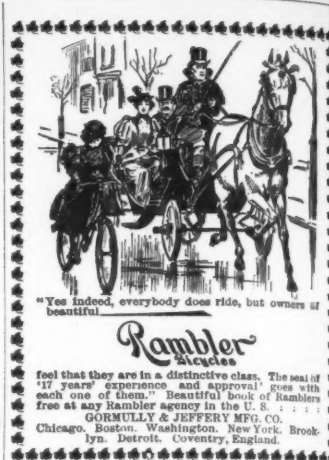
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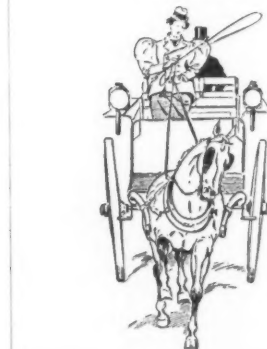
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